

Grave Apprehension Over Developments Felt in Washington

United States and Carranza Government May Be Confronted With Dangerous Situation.

Draft of Protocol Sent to Carranza

Agreed Upon by Acting Secretary Polk and the Mexican Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Grave apprehensions are being felt in Washington over the developments in Mexico since the Carranza government decided to grant permission. It was also feared Herrera might go north and east along the train to Olinaga and continue Villa by attacking Presidio. The small American force there now probably will be strengthened. Such a raid would not be so simple as that effected at Columbus, since the Rio Grande instead of an imaginary line.

Herrera's reported desertion caused surprise to those who know his former relations with Carranza. After his son, Manuel, was one of the Carranza's most illustrious officials, he was killed by an old man, offered his services. Carranza placed him in command of as many of his son's men as could be brought together. Herrera thereafter appeared deeply appreciative of the distinction.

MOST OF MEXICAN PAPERS REFRAIN FROM CRITICISM

The majority of the Mexican newspapers that have reached here have censured their readers to remain calm, and have refrained from criticism of the United States for sending American troops into Mexico, but one of the exceptions was El Democrata, published in Chihuahua. Under the caption, "The Crown of Treason," it attacked Villa for attacking Columbus, but said the "Yankees" could not consider his assault on Columbus, N. M., as an offense of one nation against another, and the passage of American troops over the boundary line should be taken as an act of violence, or, if preferred, "an act of Wilson nervousness."

"What progress General Pershing has made in his pursuit of Villa since Monday was not known at General Pershing's headquarters today. A report from General Pershing received today dealt with affairs of last Monday, saying that it had been reported that Villa and the Carranza troops were engaged near Nampulpa. At that time a detachment of the Seventh Cavalry had reached Chihuahua, only a few miles north of Nampulpa, and one of the aeroplanes sent south from Casas Grandes was then in communication with that force. Whether yesterday or today the Americans came in contact with Villa's men was merely guesswork here. The aeroplane, whose driver is believed to have been Lieutenant General, reported missing south of Casas Grandes, was last seen going over Colonia Juarez, a settlement near Casas Grandes, according to General Pershing's report. All out of the condition soldiers are accounted for according to reports received by General Pershing. These reports show two other machines temporarily out of commission because of accident.

General Pershing has no doubt that in their own way the Carranza troops are co-operating in the pursuit of Villa. The Mexican forces there has been no communication, and neither side has knowledge of the details of the other's plans.

AVIATOR WILLIS SAFE; GORRIE, STILL MISSING

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., March 22.—Major Sample, reporting from Columbus, N. M., said that Aviator Willis is still missing. Gorrie was last sighted over Colonia Juarez, southeast of Casas Grandes.

GAVIRA WITHOUT NEWS OF REPORTED FIGHTING

EL PASO, TEX., March 22.—The wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes still were out today, so that for more than twenty-four hours General Gavira has been without any news of what is transpiring at the scene of the reported fighting between the Carranza and Villa forces near Nampulpa. On the American side communication with General Pershing remains very limited, nothing definite about operations of the expeditionary force having been received. Travelers stated that no news from the Carranza and General Pershing's headquarters was working. Finally, it has been established that the trouble with the wires was due to weather conditions and faulty mechanical equipment. First reports asserted the hardware, by a few lucky shots, had disabled the apparatus at General Pershing's base.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTHERN MEXICO

QUEBETARU, MEXICO, March 22.—The only information given out today by General Carranza's headquarters here was that "there had been no developments to date" in Northern Mexico, where de facto troops and the American expedition are pursuing Figuerola Villa. General Carranza is in constant telegraphic communication with the field of operations.

FIRE SWEEPS MANY BLOCKS IN AUGUSTA AND IN NASHVILLE

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ing "Bottom Row" where thousands of bales of cotton were stored. The flames, cutting their way through the warehouse, reached the roof and fell on the street, and then swept back toward Brown Street. The firemen had kept the flames from the Union Savings Bank Building from the Eighth Street side, but when the building was attacked from the rear they were helpless.

MAY SEND NEW COLUMN INTO MEXICO FROM FABENS

EL PASO, March 22.—American military authorities are contemplating sending a new column into Mexico from Fabens, a village thirty miles east of El Paso, to attack the Carranza forces. It was reported today that the column was under consideration as an expedition against Carranza, because the Carranza government has refused to grant permission for the use of the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, over which to transport supplies to American troops.

WILL BRING REAL CRISIS

The railroad problem will bring a real crisis in the relations between the Carranza forces and Americans is firmly believed here. Reports continue to keep through the censorship at Columbus in reports to the difficulties the American military authorities are experiencing in forwarding adequate supplies by pack horses and wagon trains. The transportation problem is regarded as an increasingly serious one.

RAILROAD PROBLEM

The border is not optimistic over any near end to the chase of Villa.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A draft of the protocol asked for by General Carranza to govern the operations of the American expedition in Mexico today by Acting Secretary Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador-designate. It was forwarded at once to Carranza for approval, and is expected to be in effect within a few days.

Details of the proposed convention will be withheld until it is signed. It is known, however, that it sets forth the rights of each government in the extraordinary circumstances existing and prescribes as far as possible the method of co-operation to be employed by the Mexican troops in the pursuit of the outlaws.

Although the de facto government sought the protocol, its terms are entirely in accord with the views of the United States. This government realizes fully the difficult position of General Carranza in his own country, and the protocol has been drafted with a view to strengthening the hand of the de facto government at home, as well as to preventing disagreements between the two governments or their military officers in the field.

of Reynolds and of Bay Streets, practically all of the residences were destroyed. The flames crossed Broad on the top block and swept down Hills and then to Green, burning both sides of town. Thousands of people spent the night in the streets, where they watched over furniture taken from the threatened residences. The temperature was not low, and there was no great suffering.

FLAMES BREAK OUT IN SOUTHERN PART OF CITY

At 2 o'clock this morning the fire broke out in the southern section of Augusta, in a part of the city distant from the first fire. Early reports said it did not appear serious.

TRAIN LEAVES GREENVILLE

RAIL TO DAY FOR AUGUSTA GREENVILLE, S. C., March 22.—A special train left here this morning at 2 o'clock carrying twenty women, a fire engine, hose wagon and 2,500 feet of hose to Augusta. The train is due in Augusta at 4 o'clock.

FIRE IN NASHVILLE

CAUSE LOSS OF \$1,500,000 NASHVILLE, TENN., March 22.—A small ball of smoke, lighted and thrown by a boy into dry grass in a vacant lot, started a conflagration in Nashville at noon today, which was not under control until late this afternoon after thirty-five residence blocks had been swept by the fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

FIRE IN OIL FIELDS

ALMOST EXTINGUISHED TULSA, OKLA., March 22.—Except for a few burning wells, the fire which started yesterday in the oil fields near here across the Oklahoma border, was visited by a destructive fire at 11 o'clock this morning which, for two hours, threatened to destroy the entire business section of Floyd Hill. The fire, which had started after cotton mill employees had checked a line of hose for half a mile from the Spray reservoir. The flames began at 11 o'clock in Keck's barber shop in the "Beech" building, a two-story brick building worth \$150,000, owned by M. L. Heiner, was entirely destroyed. Mr. Heiner had \$70,000 insurance.

PLANT OF BEEF COMPANY

NATCHEZ, MISS., March 22.—Fire of undetermined origin late today partially destroyed the plant of the Natchez Dressed Beef Company, causing damage estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

NORTH CAROLINA TOWN

BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE DANVILLE, VA., March 22.—The cotton mill of Spray, about thirty miles from here across the Carolina border, was visited by a destructive fire at 11 o'clock this morning which, for two hours, threatened to destroy the entire business section of Floyd Hill. The fire, which had started after cotton mill employees had checked a line of hose for half a mile from the Spray reservoir. The flames began at 11 o'clock in Keck's barber shop in the "Beech" building, a two-story brick building worth \$150,000, owned by M. L. Heiner, was entirely destroyed. Mr. Heiner had \$70,000 insurance.

FIRE IN CHATTANOOGA

CAUSE \$25,000 DAMAGE (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 22.—Four fires in the residential section of the city tonight destroyed property valued at \$25,000.

ATLANTA SUFFERS LOSS

OF \$150,000 BY FIRE (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ATLANTA, GA., March 22.—Fire tonight destroyed twenty residences and the Martin Thornton Lumber Company in the northern section of the city. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

John H. Clarke

John H. Clarke, sixty-eight years old, died this morning at 1605 Park Avenue after an illness of ten days. Mr. Clarke was well-known in business circles and was a Confederate veteran. He was a member of R. E. Lee Camp No. 1 United Confederate Veterans.

He leaves the following children

John H. Clarke, Douglas E. Clarke, Heath C. Clarke, Miss Rebecca H. Clarke and Miss Mildred C. Clarke.

MANY TOWNS IN VIRGINIA ARE VISITED BY STORM

Buildings Are Unroofed and Otherwise Damaged by Cyclonic Wind.

PROPERTY LOSSES HEAVY

Electric Wires Prostrated and Lines of Communication Are Deranged.

Chatham, Dublin, Petersburg and Chase City in Path of Gale.

Storm Warnings on Atlantic Coast

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—A storm that was over Missouri on Tuesday night is now passing off the North Carolina coast with undiminished fury, while a secondary disturbance of equally great intensity that developed over Virginia on Tuesday night has moved to Cape Cod. The Weather Bureau announced tonight the two disturbances caused general rains and snows from Tennessee and North Carolina northward and northeastward, attended by severe gales that extended westward into the Missouri Valley, and eastward along the Atlantic Coast as far as Northern Florida.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic Coast from Jacksonville to Eastport.

TEMPETUOUS WEATHER DOES DAMAGE AT DUBLIN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DUBLIN, VA., March 22.—This section today experienced very tempestuous weather, local heavy rain, high winds and the wind has been exceedingly high. The number of telegraph poles down is 150 between Walling and Bluefield alone, and many on the main line of the Norfolk and West.

SEVERE WINDSTORM VISITS PETERSBURG

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., March 22.—The storm this evening was one of the severest that has visited Petersburg in years. The wind blew a perfect gale, but seemed to follow the river. The fence of the baseball park in the rear part of the city was blown down and the roof of the Harley Park Brewery Company warehouse on the wharf was blown off and carried a distance of several hundred feet.

SEVERE ELECTRIC STORM VISITS CHASE CITY

CHASE CITY, VA., March 22.—A severe electric and thunder storm struck this city this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, doing slight damage. R. L. Harvey, a prominent lumber dealer, was painfully injured when a pile of lumber blew down upon him. Telephone wires are down in all directions. A break at the city pump station cut off the water supply and the city was without lights until 7 o'clock.

GERMANS GAIN FOOTHOLD ON HILL OF HAUCOURT

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court, and owing to the occasional capture of additional trenches from the enemy outside the wooded sector, the number of unwounded prisoners captured there has been increased to fifty-eight officers and 2,914 men.

Artillery batteries continued on both sides of the Meuse with great violence, although at times they became less intense.

"At Obersept the French again attempted to make up for the check they suffered on February 17. They were repulsed with considerable losses.

"Three enemy aeroplanes were put out of action by our aviators in aerial engagements north of Verdun. Two came down behind our front northeast of Samogneux. The third crashed down in flames behind the enemy's lines. Lieutenant Becke thereby brought down his first enemy aeroplane, and Lieutenant Panchau his fourth.

"Eastern front. The great offensive movement of the Russians increased in extent. The points of attack have become more numerous, and advances followed each other without interruption at several places throughout the day and night. The strongest storming attack was again directed against the front northwest of Postavy. At this point the losses of the enemy reached an extraordinary high figure even for the numbers of Russians in action.

"During a successful counterattack at the point where small incursions were made in the last seven Russian offensives and 573 men were taken prisoner.

"During many other engagements south and southeast of Aza, near Friedriehstadt, west and southeast of Jachodstadt, south of Dvinsk, north of Vidy and between Narocz and Wisniew Lakes our brave troops repulsed the enemy completely, inflicting the greatest possible losses on him, and during counterattacks took more than 600 prisoners from the enemy. The Russians did not succeed at any point in gaining any success. Our losses were slight in all these actions.

"Talkan front. The situation is unchanged.

PLANKING ATTACKS BY RUSSIAN FORCES

PETROGRAD, March 22 (via London).—The Russian operations on the northern front promise to develop into

PROBE INTO MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF JOHN E. PECK

Autopsy Discloses Presence of Sulphuric Acid in Stomach to Kill Several Men.

HEART IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Epil Comes at Home of Son-in-Law in New York, Where Mrs. Peck Also Died Recently—Expect a Rest Within Twenty-Four Hours.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., March 22.—Dr. Otto H. Schultz, of the staff of District Attorney Swan, of New York, today announced that an autopsy upon the body of John E. Peck, Grand Rapids miner, who died suddenly March 12 in the apartment of his son-in-law, Dr. Arthur Warren White, 120 No. 12, Riverside Drive, New York City, Mr. Peck's death occurred about a week after that of his wife, who died at her son-in-law's home.

Today's autopsy disclosed the presence of sufficient arsenic in the stomach to have killed several men. The heart was in healthy condition.

There has been no heart trouble in the Peck family, according to the family physician, and there was no indication of any kind. Both stomach and intestines showed signs of corrosion. Dr. Schultz discovered positively the fact arsenic had been administered by the wife of Peck, Dr. Arthur Warren White, at the family home here. She took a few bad last Friday, the day Dr. White left for the East, and she is frequently affected with nausea. The dead man's will was filed for probate last Friday. Dr. White and his wife are the beneficiaries. They receive the income from \$100,000. Dr. Schultz, Francis Xavier Mancuso, of the New York district attorney's homicide unit, and a stenographer will continue their investigations here.

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NO INFANTRY ATTACKS ON VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, March 22.—No infantry attacks were made on the Verdun front last night, the War Office announced. The Germans continued their bombardment of the Verdun front, and there were artillery exchanges of less intensity east of the Meuse.

The statement follows: "West of the Meuse, the artillery duel was very lively in the region of Malancourt, Ennez and Mill 204. A particularly violent fire was directed against the Haucourt hill.

"East of the Meuse, the bombardment was intense in the region of Vaux and Donlop.

"There were no infantry actions. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF VILLA SUPPORTERS

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